

student for the purpose of recommending to the Board of Foreign Scholarships candidates for fellowships under this part. The Secretary gives preference to American citizens who have served in the armed services of the United States. The criteria are weighted and may total 100 points.

(a) *Quality of proposed project.* (Maximum 45 points)

(1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows the quality of the research project proposed by the student.

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows the extent to which—

(i) The project is original; the problems, questions, hypotheses are well formulated;

(ii) The project is well formulated and demonstrates adequate knowledge of related research;

(iii) The methodology is specifically described, sound, and appropriate to the project;

(iv) The applicant demonstrates knowledge and utilization of resources pertinent to the project in the United States;

(v) The project's location in the proposed foreign country(ies) is necessary for the successful completion of the project;

(vi) The applicant has made preparations to establish research contacts and affiliations abroad, and the overseas facilities indicated will afford sufficient and appropriate locations for the proposed research;

(vii) The application reflects the intent to share with scholars and officials of the host country the results of the research in progress and a copy of the dissertation;

(viii) The application reflects guidance and supervision on the part of the dissertation advisor or committee throughout all stages, including the development of the project, understanding of research conditions abroad, and actual research in the field; and

(ix) The project can be completed within the proposed fellowship period.

(b) *Qualifications of the applicant.* (Maximum 45 points)

(1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows the qualifications of the applicant.

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows the extent to which—

(i) The applicant's academic record is excellent and relevant to the proposed project;

(ii) The applicant possesses adequate foreign language skills to carry out the proposed project; and

(iii) The applicant has the ability to conduct research in a foreign cultural context, as evidenced by the applicant's references or previous overseas experience.

(c) *Priorities.* (Maximum 10 points)

(1) The Secretary may establish priorities each year for the selection of fellows. These priorities relate to: certain world areas, countries, academic disciplines, languages, or combinations of any of these categories. For example, the Secretary may establish a priority for: a specific world area or country such as the Caribbean or Poland, an academic discipline such as economics or political science, or certain languages such as Tajiki or Serbo-Croatian.

(2) The Secretary announces any priorities in the application notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2452(b)(6), 2456(a)(2))

§ 662.33 How does the Board of Foreign Scholarships select fellows?

(a)(1) The Board of Foreign Scholarships selects Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellows on the basis of the preliminary selections by the Secretary and pertinent information supplied by U.S. diplomatic missions and binational commissions.

(2) The Board of Foreign Scholarships does not select fellows to carry out research in the U.S.S.R. unless the applicant has been approved for that purpose by the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX).

(b) Pertinent information used by the Board of Foreign Scholarships and the Secretary in the selection process, which is provided by U.S. diplomatic missions and/or binational commissions may include, but is not necessarily limited to, information concerning the feasibility of the project, and the political sensitivity of the host country.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2452(b)(6), 2456(a)(1))